

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**In the abstract:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

An image forming apparatus having an image bearing member, a charger member disposed in contacting relation with the image bearing member, and having a rubber hardness of 40 to 90 degrees and a volume electrical resistance of 1×10^4 to 1×10^{10} $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ at the portion contacting the image bearing member. A developing device is also provided which includes a developer carrying member for carrying a toner on its surface, a storage portion for storing the toner containing an organic aromatic solvent and a vinyl monomer in combined concentrations of not more than 500 ppm, and a regulating member disposed in contacting relation with the surface of the developer carrying member for regulating the amount of toner carried on the developer carrying member. The developing device forms a toner image on the image bearing member. A transfer member transfers the toner image thus formed on the image bearing member onto a receiving medium.

A developing device according to the present invention includes a developer carrying member, a storage portion for storing a toner to be supplied to the developer carrying member, and a regulating member disposed in contacting relation with a surface of the developer carrying member for regulating the amount of toner carried on the developer carrying member, the surface of the developer carrying member having a rubber hardness of 20 to 70 degrees, an elongation of 400 to 1200 % and a volume electrical resistance of 1×10^4 to 1×10^9 $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$, the toner containing an organic aromatic solvent and a vinyl monomer in combined concentrations of not more than 500 ppm.